

Minutes (Draft) of Richmond Heritage Commission Meeting  
2/8/17, Vets Hall, 3:30pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Sandy Laughner; Susan Roney. Absent: Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Hank Hallas (Alternate). Richmond Historical Society guests: Jerry Mills, John Lewis

After welcoming guests from the Richmond Historical Society, the meeting was called to order at 3:45pm.

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.
- In Bonnie McCarthy's absence, Carol Jameson gave the Treasurer's Report.
- Carol commented that there was little RHC business that had been conducted in the two weeks since our last board meeting and that the meeting had been called principally to brief officers of the Richmond Historical Society on Heritage Commission projects that presented opportunities for collaboration for both groups. She noted in passing that the easement for Brewer Park has not yet been signed nor have the Rhode Island Quakers transferred title for the Quaker Cemetery to the Town of Richmond yet.
- John Lewis and Jerry Mills reaffirmed RHS's interest in the Quaker Cemetery, including assuming responsibility for regular maintenance. Jerry Mills discussed trees on the 4 Corners property that are likely to fall on gravestones in the cemetery, and volunteered to cut the trees down if the town gave him permission to do so. Carol said she would follow up. John Lewis also filled commissioners in on the history of Richmond's early Quakers and their Rhode Island roots. Commissioners responded that the occasion when title of the cemetery is officially transferred to the Town, supported by John's knowledge of its Quaker roots, might be observed by an entertaining and educational presentation to town residents at the Vets Hall.
- Carol then asked Bob Weekes to brief the guests on the activities of the Richmond Heritage Commission. Bob gave a 10" briefing of RHC activities since its founding 3 years ago up to projects planned for 2017. At the end he outlined two projects, upgrading the Memorial Park next to the Vets Hall (including installation of a monument honoring Richmond residents who served in the American Civil War) and restoring the Town Pound. Because of the Historical Society's involvement in both of these sites in years past, the Heritage Commission would welcome joining forces to pursue the advancement of each.

Further discussion of this proposal was not possible since Jerry Mills had to leave for another appointment. All agreed to follow up on this discussion at our next meeting. Carol Jameson will send around an email regarding scheduling a follow-up for a date in March when all can attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Weekes, Secretary

